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NATION'S PRODUCTION MACHINERY DARE NOT OPERATE AT TOP SPEED

How often do workers hear: "A labor scarcity checks business." "Labor is inefficient." "Labor favors immigration restriction that it may monopolize the labor market." "Labor fails to give a fair day's work." "Production demands could not be met under an eight-hour day." And so forth, and so forth.

The next time these sentiments are expressed, let workers recall this statement by the Wall Street Journal, issue of September 1: "The main cure for overproduction is regulation. If PRODUCTION IS KEPT WITHIN BOUNDS of consumption there will be no dividend cuts and wage cuts. The country today can turn out steel, more steel, more copper, more oil, more automobiles, etc., than the demand calls for."

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REDS CREATE TURMOIL; OPERATORS BLAMED CAUSE SHORT STRIKE FOR MINE SHUT DOWN

New York, Sept. 5.—After taking part in a stoppage of work, staged by communists, as a demonstration against officers of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union, these workers are inducing employers to reinstate several of their members who were discharged because they violated their contract.

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To make a two-hour stoppage possible, the communists unloosed a torrent of abuse, cajolery and demagoguery.

Less than one-sixth of the union responded. Officers of the union did little to counteract this movement. They permitted it to run its course, and are now aiding the duped workers to secure reinstatement.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC GROWS; NATIONS NOT SINCERE

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 5.—The opium traffic can not be controlled because it is impossible to depend upon the good will of some governments, said Sir John Campbell of India before the league of nations' opium advisory committee.

It was stated that the traffic is larger than at any time since the commission was organized. Manufacturers and organized distribution syndicate have vast resources and nearly a score of factories exist in various countries. Sir John said that the league statistics show that approximately 4,000 chests of opium were shipped from the east of the past year, although conditions in Europe and North America are improving. It is impossible for conditions in China to be worse, it is said.

Sir John Jordan, aged British anti-narcotic crusader, defended the American delegates to the opium conference. He said the only remedy for this evil was to stop production at its source instead of permitting manufacture and then seeking to control distribution.

FORM COMPANY "UNION"

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 5.—The Pittsburgh coal company announces the formation of a "union" which assures the public it had nothing to do with the union. The miners will accept a wage scale of 1917.

This is a repudiation of the Jacksonville agreement. The coal company western Pennsylvania. It has been a leader in opposition to the Jacksonville agreement, and has secured approval of contract breaking by soft coal operators.

Organized mine workers say the purpose of the "union" is to keep the company out of the union public in its war on the United Mine Workers of America.

MEXICO FIGHTS ILLEGALITY

Mexico City, Sept. 5.—The Mexican youth movement, according to American sources, is being organized by the federal army to serve a purpose of three years, where the youth is to be trained in military and political matters.

RAIL-BEARING STREET CARS

Lynn, Mass., Sept. 5.—A street car equipped with roller bearings and an automobile has been tested by the Boston and Maine street railway company. The car is described as a combination of a street car and an automobile.

OPERATORS WANT SUSPENSION HAVE MUCH SMALL SIZE COAL

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 5.—"If the mine operators will withdraw their official statement that they will yield nothing and reject everything affecting mine cost, there will be negotiations," said John L. Lewis, president, United Mine Workers, answering a "no-strike" committee of local business men.

"Mr. Warriner, chairman of the operators' conference committee, would agree to no demands of the mine workers," he proposed a wage reduction," said President Lewis. "He vitiated any possibility of joint wage negotiations. All the time he is that the operators remove the barrier they have set by their claim that nothing would be granted, regardless of merit, if it meant money."

"We believe they want a suspension of the suspension in the anthracite region with their usual operators, who have consistently refused to negotiate an agreement," said President Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

"At the Atlantic City conference the operators refused to negotiate with the mine workers," he said. "The operators refused to negotiate with the mine workers, and the mine workers refused to negotiate with the operators."

"For a month past, throughout the anthracite region, the operators have been maintained at every breaker, washer, culm and slate bank. The operators have been maintaining the public fear of a strike to avoid a fair treatment of an augmented tonnage of coal of inferior quality."

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COURTESY RULES WEEKENDS

By WILLIAM GREEN, President American Federation of Labor.

Our federal courts will measure up to the standards of the weekend. If they do not, they will be found wanting. If they do not, they will be found wanting. If they do not, they will be found wanting.

Australian Labor Aids Seamen; Workers Defeat Anti-Union Plot

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 5.—The federal government has been defeated in its attempt to break the solidarity of these workers and organized labor generally.

The trouble started several months ago when the government's shipping board chartered the Volinia—a British cargo steamer owned by one of the companies forming the shipping combine—to come to Australia for a cargo for British ports.

MARKET IS "RIGGED" SLIDING SCALE PLAN REJECTED BY MINERS

New York, Sept. 5.—To those persons who consider the New York stock market a barometer of industrial conditions, and who believe it is guided by the law of supply and demand, the following excerpt from the New York Times' financial columns will be of interest.

"It was generally admitted yesterday that the market is now dominated absolutely by a few pools and a few individuals who, by their unforced catastrophes, have no idea of allowing the situation to slip away from them. They are now doing as a few brokerage houses who are in success as indicative of the market's determination to get rid of the middle men."

COAL MINE ACCIDENTS

Washington, Sept. 5.—Coal mine accidents in July resulted in the loss of 1,282 lives, the United States bureau of mines.

STAGE EMPLOYEES GAIN

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Stage employees have gained a victory in their fight for a 10 percent increase in wages.

PAID ON SUNDAY

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 5.—The state has paid out \$100,000 in interest on the state debt.

WOMEN WORKERS UNITE

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 5.—Women workers engaged in the hair-dressing business in this city are organizing.

AMERICAN AND MEXICAN ORGANIZED WORKERS PRESENT NEW IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION PLAN

Washington, Sept. 5.—The immigration problem elsewhere at the Western Hemisphere should be settled by self-restraint of the various nations, declared representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Mexican Federation of Labor at a conference in this city.

All men, the unionists declared, should enjoy the freest right to travel to every part of the world in the pursuit of happiness and well-being.

"But we assert that there is an obligation, universal in character, which makes it obligatory upon every person to refrain from his conduct as to endanger the right to protect his own life and the progress achieved on the part of any group he may seek to enter. And groups have the right to protect themselves against such intrusion."

"There is, we maintain, a duty to the immigration and restriction individual which makes it a duty to work within his own group for the safeguarding of the standards and conditions built up elsewhere."

Self-Restraint Is Immigration Solution

Hitherto nations throughout the world, including our own nation, have sought only to exclude other peoples, either partially or wholly, wisely or unwisely. Nations have acted on the basis of self-interest, and have sought to recognize their own obligations to restrain their own people from moving across boundaries in such a way as to menace the conditions of life and institutions of other peoples.

We believe we can now set up, at least in the Western Hemisphere, this great principle of self-restraint, and we recommend to this conference the establishment of that principle.

In this way there is brought into being an abandonment of the principle of compulsion and the adoption of the principle of voluntary action, which underlies our labor movements and governs our trade union action.

Textile Barons Would Deceive Public

By THOMAS F. M'NAUL, President United Textile Workers of America.

The public demands more and more pay. It has failed in both. Textile workers are paid less per yard or per pound of what they produce than at any other time in the history of this country. There has been less work in the mills the past four years than in any four years during the 20 years.

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LABOR'S PICTURE FILM WILL DEPICT PROGRESS

Washington, Sept. 5.—When labor's moving picture is completed, trade unionists and sympathizers will be able to see the progress of the labor movement in the United States.

TRADE UNION OPPONENT WOULD ADVISE WORKERS

Lake George, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Failure in "leadership" in organized labor is the cause of the industrial situation, according to L. F. Love, president of the Delaware and Lehigh Valley Railroad.

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RENTS WILL STAY UP

Baltimore, Sept. 5.—There is not a rent strike in the city, according to the board, according to a statement issued by the board.

NEWSMAJORS MAY SHOUT

Denver, Sept. 5.—City ordinance prohibiting the shouting of newsboys or selling papers except at the newsstand, is being challenged by the newsboys.

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy way: for thou shalt make of counsel: there shall be thy safety.



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